

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006. While the Applicant still traverses the objections and rejections in principal, the rejected claims have been cancelled to place the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 67-83, 92-116, and 118-127 are now pending in the case.

Claims 70, 95, 111, 114 and 115 have been amended to address minor informalities.

No claims have been added.

Request for Telephonic Interview if Outstanding Issues

While the Applicant believes the case is now in condition for allowance, if the Examiner disagrees and believes there are still outstanding issues that might delay issue of a Notice of Allowance, the Applicant respectfully requests a Telephonic Interview. The Applicant hopes that such contact may expedite the prosecution of this case, and quickly address the Examiner's concerns. The Applicant's attorney may be contacted at 617-951-2500 at any time convenient to the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

At paragraphs 2-3 of the Office Action, claim 117 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph. The Applicant has cancelled claim 117, and accordingly believes this rejection to be moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

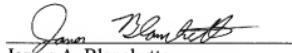
At paragraphs 4-7 of the Office Action, claims 84-91 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hoe et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,594,655, issued on June

10, 1986 (hereinafter Hoe). The Applicant has cancelled claims 84-91 and accordingly believes this rejection to be moot.

In summary, all the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore all dependent claims that depend there from are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

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